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IV. Workload and staffing

1. At its 549th meeting, on 5 September 2017, the Committee considered the section of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences concerning matters relating to workload and staffing (A/72/116, paras. 37-50, and supplementary information, sect. III).

Discussion

2. A delegation requested an explanation of the productivity figures presented in table 1 and asked for data on the revision workload to be provided for all four duty stations. A representative of the Secretariat explained that the productivity figures had been calculated as the average number of words processed by each translator each day and were used to monitor improvements in productivity generated by the use of new forms of technology. The revision workload figures for Headquarters and the United Nations Office at Geneva had been provided at the request of the Member States; the figures for the other duty stations could be included as well in the next report.

3. The same delegation asked what was being done to address the lack of P-4 posts that was generating a high vacancy rate in the interpretation services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. The delegation also asked how long candidates were kept on rosters. Representatives of the Secretariat replied that, owing to budget reductions, no requests had been made for new posts to be created. With regard to roster management, candidates remained on rosters for seven years and their data were regularly updated to ensure that they were reachable when vacancies arose.

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